

# **Chippewa East Mackinac Conservation District**

## **Board Meeting Minutes- September 6, 2011**

Attendees: Forbes McDonald, Orv Kabat, Jane Bishop, Kent Dankenbring, Pat Carr, Erin Satchell, Dusty King, Wendy Wagoner, Corey Jerome. Guest- Jim Pawlowicz from MDA. The minutes of the August meeting and the treasurer's report and payment of bills were approved on a motion by Bishop and second by Allan. Carried.

Kabat, Love and King attended the August 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting of the Luce West Mackinac Conservation District. Discussion of the proposed merger took place. King was given a copy of their financial statements. McDonald asks that an audit be conducted. King to contact Anderson Tackman for this task. A prior administrator has stepped in temporarily to keep bills paid. King to prepare a list of pros and cons of the merger for next discussion. Contact is to be made with the county commissioners involved. Pawlowicz was again on hand to apprise board of the procedures necessary to make this happen.

An Emerald Ash Borer SLAM report was presented by Wagoner.

The Cooperative Weed Management Area Report was also presented by Wagoner. This grant has been extended into October, 2011. A list of the grants secured for next year was presented. (Piping Plover grant- \$5,000 for two years, Garlic Mustard grant \$18,000 for 1 year, \$40,000 Forest Service grant for 1 year)

The 2012 Fiscal Year Budget was distributed for discussion. Approved on a motion by Bishop and seconded by Allan. The regular board meeting in October will be a public hearing to approve the appropriation act for FY2011-2012. King to advertise this meeting.

Natural Resources Conservation Service report was given by Dankenbring. Carr and Satchell may be detailed to work in other offices this fall. Discussion follows as to the importance of being sure work in this District is covered. A letter from the Board to Mike Lapointe is to be drafted protesting the reduction in force here for the fall.

Munuscong River Watershed project report was made by Jerome. The river cleanup was a good work day. Small attendance but many people interested in seeing the work continued. There will be a public meeting in Pickford on the 14<sup>th</sup> to present the watershed management plan reports and invite comment. Soil Erosion update presented by Jerome

Stevenson's are interested in renewing the hunting lease of the Sand Ridge property. The property can only be in an EQIP contract for a forest management plan if it is leased to an individual. King to draft a lease with Forbes McDonald with a statement "excluding hunting rights" then renew hunt lease with Stevensons. Moved by Allan and seconded by Bishop.

Engineer's report made by Satchell

Fall Tree Sale will take place October 21. Orders are being accepted until September 21.

King suggests that the District make a donation to the Chippewa County Fair. Moved by Bishop and seconded by Allan that \$50 be given. Carried.

Executive Director position description was discussed. King to have a final draft to the Directors in two weeks. King also to draft an advertisement for the newspapers.

Meeting adjourned.